

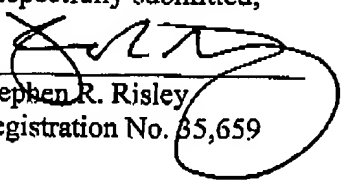
REMARKS

The above-identified application was the subject of Interference No. 103,685. In its November 27, 2001 Final Decision, the Board awarded priority to Riggins. The claim amendments are made to clarify which claims are presently pending, or have been deemed patentable to Riggins, and are ready for allowance.

CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing amendments, and the Boards Final Decision, claims 1-13, 69-71, and 77-81 are patentable to Riggins and are in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and allowance of the present application and all pending claims are hereby courteously requested. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephonic conference would expedite the examination of this matter, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (770) 933-9500.

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